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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

<u>Listing of Claims</u>

1. (Previously Presented) A display control apparatus for controlling display of information comprising:

display control means for displaying linking information, that is linked to content information, and displaying a plurality of cursors operating on one or more display devices;

selecting means for selecting at least a portion of said content information as a function of a corresponding designation by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and

acquisition means for acquiring said selected content information as a function of the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use; and

wherein said selection of content information is determined by a majority decision weighted with said priority value of said cursors and the other information selected by another cursor among said plurality of cursors is displayed within an alternative window.

2. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said display control means displays said selected content information on said display device.

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3. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising:

operation means adapted to generate operation signals to operate each of the plurality of cursors,

wherein said display control means displays, on said display device, each of the plurality of cursors, as a function of said operation signals.

4. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said display control means is adapted to uniquely display each of said plurality of cursors.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said linking information is described using a language for a predetermined image description.

7. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said acquisition means acquires additional information from a network.

8. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1,

wherein said acquisition means is a browser.

9-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) A display control method for displaying information,

comprising the steps of:

displaying information accessed by manipulating two or more cursors;

selecting a portion of the information designated by the two or more cursors; and

acquiring said selected information as a function of data associated with the two

or more cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a

subsequent use;

determining said selection of content information as a function of a majority

decision weighted with said priority value of said cursors and the other information selected by

another cursor among said plurality of cursors is displayed within an alternative window.

33-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) A computer readable ~~medium~~ media storing a computer

program for executing a display control process for controlling display of information, said

computer program comprising the steps of:

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displaying linking information accessed by at least two cursors;

selecting at least a portion of content information, linked to the linking

information, that is displayed and is designated by at least two cursors; and

acquiring said selected information as a function of data associated with the at

least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a

subsequent use;

determining said selection of content information as a function of a majority

decision weighted with said priority value of said cursors and the other information selected by

another cursor among said plurality of cursors is displayed within an alternative window.

36-40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium media storing program

code for a display control processing for controlling display of information to be executed by a

computer, said program code comprising:

a displaying step for displaying linking information, that is linked to content

information, and displaying a plurality of cursors operating on one or more display devices;

a selecting step for selecting at least a portion of said content information as a

function of a corresponding designation by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and

an acquiring step for acquiring said selected content information as a function of

the at least two cursors,

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wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a

subsequent use;

a determining step of determining said selection of content information as a

function of a majority decision weighted with said priority value of said cursors and the other

information selected by another cursor among said plurality of cursors is displayed within an

alternative window.

42-43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1,

wherein said priority values of said cursors vary inversely to said selection of content

information.

45. (Previously Presented) The display control method as claimed in Claim 32,

further comprising the step of varying said priority value of said cursors inversely to said

selection of content information.

46. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium media as claimed in

Claim 35, wherein the computer program further comprise the step of varying said priority value

of said cursors inversely to said selection of content information.

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47. (Currently Amended) The computer readable ~~medium~~ media as claimed in

Claim 41, wherein the program code further comprises the step of varying said priority value of

said cursors inversely to said selection of content information.

48. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1,

wherein said priority values of said cursors vary as a function of said designation of content

information of said cursors and said selection of content information.

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